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AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION.—In the
now in session at Baltimore, a paper was read
Dr. J. H. Gibbon suggesting a method of
thing notes of music to negro boys not instructed
each:
gentleman in the South, wishing to have cer
of his negro servants taught to play upon the
variety of brass instruments employed in
consulted an intelligent German professor
young negro men were first selected.
ually, a class of negro lads, between the ages
and 14 years, were picked out from the plant
who, although

the music from one key into another, were thought to learn by the grown-up men. The instructor noticed there was not so much difficulty in teaching the notes as in causing the boys to observe exact time, by the ordinary arithmetical method. To train the attention and the memory rather than rigid discipline, which proved effective at the end, the plan has been devised, suggested by communication with the musical Professor, to employ reforms for sounds arranged in literal order, to be marked by the names and features of persons or titles begin with the same characters as the corresponding alphabetic notes. Distinct features being thus associated with the ordinary features and peculiarities of persons already well known to the children.

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primary river, of the most ancient music, consisted of the first seven letters of the alphabet, whose forms were drawn from original names or profiles of implements familiar in common life.

I thought that, in like manner, negro boys might combine the features, habits, dress, or characters of persons they know, with the special and sounds of notes, which are novel to them.

Similar principles of comparative association in the early Phœnician alphabet.

The aboriginal Irish Islanders were taught letters as sounds of the names of native trees and plants, while the forms and figures of their symbols were obtained from a foreign source.

strange hieroglyphics on the monuments of
 America combine varieties of human phy-
 sies, with other signs and numeral points,
 cause an inference that their construction
 arrangement were connected with an attempt
 language to a strange and unlearned, but
 people.
 those who desire to investigate the practical
 by which musical notes, arithmetical num-
 bers and alphabetic letters made their earliest ad-
 vance for knowledge among men, such scale may
 interest or amuse.
 —Abe—A blacksmith who had lost one finger.
 —Ben—A plowman, cross-eyed.
 —Cato—A woodchopper, with very broad
 shoulders.
 —Dick—A deaf and dumb waiter.

—Ed.—A fishman, who smoked a short pipe.
—Frank.—An hostler, lame of a leg.
—George.—A coachman who played on the
above exemplifies the problem of the new
In this paper was first proposed, it had been
stood such a plan was pursued by the musical
cor, who, however, only spoke of some similar
cor, when laboring with a pupil of dull apper-
t, but did not apply it to his general coun-
struction.
reading of Dr. Gibbon's paper, and the
reading given on the black-board, caused consid-
amusement. He stated, in conclusion, that

band referred to was then in Baltimore and probably perform before the Association.

BOMERANG.—Professor Joseph Lovering read on the Australian instrument or weapon the Bomerang, which, in the hands of an innecent operator

"Though well-aimed at duck or plover,
Scolds and knocks its owner over."

illustrated, by a series of drawings on the blackboard, the course of this wooden instrument through the air, sometimes going to within a short distance of the point aimed at, and suddenly turning and falling at the feet of the party throwing it, or striking his head and probably striking something behind the thrower. It is about the size of the

the human arm, bent in a curve, some-
times a sharp angle, rounded at the ends,
on the sides. He concluded his remarks by
experiments with pieces of cards from two to
four inches in length, and about a quarter of
an inch, cut in the shape of the Bomerang,
were thrown forward by striking them with a
whistlebone, and, after passing half way over
the heads of the audience, returned back to near
the speaker. He also showed how the expe-
rience with it could make a man strike where
desired, killing one bird out of a flock, and mak-
ing it to the right or the left, or make a circle.
The paper was received with marked interest by
the audience.

His essay was one of a metaphysical character, tending in a measure the views of Swedenborg, and those of Goethe, yet borrowing little if anything from either; attempted to determine the real life of animals; from an examination of sensations to the outward world. His description to the simplicity and paucity of a man's means of receiving impressions and propositions may be presumed to be as the monotony and richness of the soul. The poly lives to eat, to warm, rests, travels and makes loves; he does all that and cracks jokes besides, fights, and his young, &c., while man increases, fights, and to the external world by enlarging his organization so as to include external things, such as telephones and microscopes, Jett. Jett. Jett.

The essay adduced a species of avicularia, monad as showing the distinction.

II. Bolton thought it was not necessary to a physical principle to explain the phenomenon. They might go lower and find apocynosis. In chemistry they had elective—the atoms seemed to have an affection for ions, choosing those of one kind in preference of another, and the roots of plants long distance in search of water. He also

that the involuntary action of the human was a fact in opposition to the theory. Weiland thought that as the animalcules breathe the inference drawn from their action not be contradicted by the instances mentioned by Dr. Bolton, and least of all by the operations of the human stomach.

being a new observer, ought to know what he writes:

Lima is a much smaller and less interesting town than Frequenton, and it gives one a very good idea of what the negroes can accomplish. This is one of its important features. In the colony of Lima has been noted by the American Colonization Society for 40 years, the last nine of which it has been an independent government.

Most of the country around Lima is flat and uninteresting, and the population is idle, lazy, and indolent. A sluggish stream empties its turbid, infertile waters into the Misasero River. It is not navigable, its mouth is a large sand-bar, over which all crafts can pass at high tide, and land a pile of rocks there, call it what you will.

It is small if its business smaller. They sets—that is, an open space between the lines—which are entirely covered with grass, and there a path where the negroes cross house to another. They have no teams or mules—not one in town. The President, Mr. S. A. Benson, did have a mule. "They say that he has a colt up in the hills and will have a horse when it grows up." Paul, John L. Forney, Esq., accompanied me to the elephant. "We first visited Congress, now in session. The Senate consists of ten family" negroes, and the House of Representatives of eleven. The ex-President, who is nearly white, and wears a white mustache, the present President, Benson, is a full

pro, as is also the Vice President, Gates, introduced to the Supreme Court, and to the General Payze. They are all colonists, now born in the United States and sent by the Colonization Society.

And up a great question in the House of Representatives, viz: the propriety of increasing the pay of the officers, and the speeches were high.

One fellow who did not seem to be in it, had ventured to assert that an addition to the Judge's salary might break the colorable honorable member replied with much follows:

Speaker and Gemen: De gemmen last up tria may broke. Gemen, you can't do it, can't break—only rich folks broke. Yah!

have four colonies, viz: Misourado, Bansa, and Cape Palmas, the last of which was for a colony of the State of Maryland, and the "State of Maryland in Liberia." The State of Maryland has started the colony, and daily \$10,000 for its support. Recently the Maryland, in the United States, concluded that money enough for that purpose, to support the supplies. The colony therefore is to Liberia. The population of Liberia is estimated to be about nearly all of which are native "bushmen." Its proper number about 12,000, and cast 50 votes. Their counties (four) answer to, and their government is modeled after

are a jail, the churches, and a "reception house" where emigrants are kept until they are of themselves. Their defenses are fortifiers mounted on a hill near town; which lay unmounted and half covered on the beach, where they were first landed, more, which is in the same condition, in this place they call a government square. It consists of a little schooner, the Lark, is presented to them by Great Britain. The sole business of the colony seems to be conducted by a few families, who monopolize all the land, control the funds, and tax the people to the point of their ability to pay. A fair opportunity—has been given to see what the negro

that little residue of civilization they do only that reflected from the whites, and twenty years more will probably explode the
I believe now, if the aid afforded them had been withdrawn, that they would nearly be the hush in a very short time.

Lancaster (Pa.) Express says:
men, "the old Doctor," who was convicted for civilizations, 1896, of borrowing a horse from Emanuel Sholer and forgetting to return, and for which he was sentenced to two months in the county prison, was discharged Thursday, his term having expired, a man advanced in life, being over seven-
age, of genteel address, good education, and of commanding ability. In his latter

more than a few, had the *entire* line good so as to be therefore *an* *fall* in all the leading characters of eminent men. He has bob-nobbed champagne with Governors and Senators, with learned divines, and consulted pro- with distinguished members of the medi- city. Yet, amid all these brilliant associ- fell from grace, and became an inmate of prison, though, we believe, he denies ty of the crime for which he suffered, in differs essentially from the judgment of and jury.

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
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